

PURGED POLE BACK IN PARTY'S GRACES

**Gomulka, Ousted as Leader
and Jailed for Deviation,
Accepts Reds' Bid**

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WARSAW, Aug. 4—Wladyslaw Gomulka has rejoined the Polish United Workers (Communist) party, from which he was expelled in 1949 after serving two years as secretary general.

The party had asked him back. The announcement that he had accepted was made over the Warsaw radio tonight. For M. Gomulka it meant that the political wheel had turned a full circle since his expulsion.

M. Gomulka was charged with "national deviationism," then the Communist synonym for Titoism, or sympathy with President Tito of Yugoslavia in opposing Stalin. With many of his followers he was jailed in 1952, but never was tried and, after Stalin's death, he was finally released and "rehabilitated" early this year.

His travail, and especially his early struggle against Stalin for a Polish development of communism here, made M. Gomulka something of a hero among the Polish people, even among anti-Communists. The decision to ask him back is probably not entirely unconnected with the party's acute need of building up some popular support in the aftermath of the Poznan riots.

M. Gomulka's case was discussed at the party's recent seventh plenary meeting. Acting on a decision of that session, party leaders began negotiations with M. Gomulka Thursday about his resuming party membership.

Communist sources said the party had insisted on M. Gomulka's placing no conditions on his decision to reaccept his membership card. To some extent this enabled the party to save face in having gone hat in hand to its former secretary general.

According to persistent reports in Warsaw, M. Gomulka had let it be known that his return would depend on what job was offered to him.

Before re-entering top leadership of the party he would have to be elected to the Central Committee. The earliest this could be done, according to party statutes, would be at a party congress to be held in about six months. This, however, would not preclude his entering the Government immediately.

Not everyone in the Central Committee was happy over the prospect of M. Gomulka's return. That he would rejoin the Politburo eventually was taken for granted.

M. Gomulka's is a stronger personality than exists at present in the Politburo. He is known as a stubborn, tough man. Fears were expressed at the party meeting that M. Gomulka's presence would tend to disrupt what



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Wladyslaw Gomulka, former secretary general of the Communist party in Poland. Expelled in 1949, he has rejoined the organization.

the Communists say is the party's present harmonious collective leadership.

Many of M. Gomulka's closest collaborators who were expelled from the party and imprisoned with him have already returned to the fold. Most prominent among them are Gen. Marian Spychalski and Zenon Kliszko.

General Spychalski was a member of the Communist Politburo before the party fused with the Socialists in 1948 and he later became Minister of Defense. M. Kliszko was chief of the Communist party's personnel department and Deputy Minister of Justice.

The Warsaw radio announcement also said that M. Kliszko had been reappointed to his former post at the Ministry of Justice.